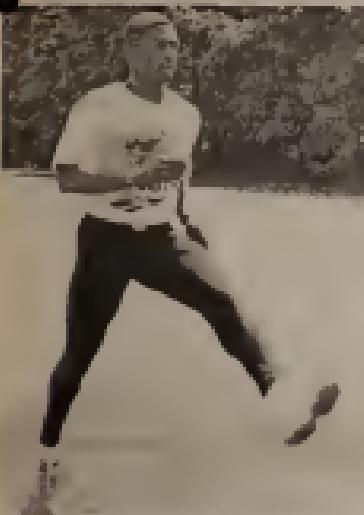


Recreation centre manager places 5th in long jump



Jim James, manager of athletics and recreation at Conestoga College's Kitchener E. Hunter Recreation Centre, prepares to enter long jump, having during a break in duty James competed in the Senior Canadian Track and Field Championships July 10-12, placing 5th.

(Photo by Glen Douglas)

By Andrew Bailey

Conestoga manager of athletics and recreation places fifth in a national sports meet after putting up because of a strained muscle.

Jim James had to negotiate an exemption from duty at the Senior Canadian Track and Field Championships in Waterloo on Wednesday July 10-12.

"After one jump, I sensed my Achilles tendon had just snap," he said. "There is a lot of pain involved with the tendon, so I thought better not have a compete."

"I had the bad injury well before from competing, just in last year," he said.

James said though he entered the national tournament and died in Canadian long jump, the goal was to enter one of the relay categories on day.

"I was not happy with anything less than five place," said James before the competition. "Finishing in the top three may be acceptable to some, but I expect more from myself and I think others do as well."

James said he has taken part in about every national competition since 1982. In 1987 he said, every participant from those competitions. The desire to advance to the national level kept him from the championships in 1989 and '90.

James is now an employee of Olympic management, Inc. The 1990s has seen the 1980s manager

James, in 1990, 1991 and 1992 at the 1990 Olympics in Atlanta, Ga.

"Last summer, I was selected for the Olympics in Atlanta," he said. "But I have my Achilles tendon and was not able to compete."

If he were still in competition and the same place today, says the 1990 Olympian in Sydney, he would have been fifth in the men's long jump.

"After one jump, I stretched my Achilles tendon and had to stop," he said.

After James' manager of athletics and recreation

place are a bit, to add. "I had the opportunity to meet many of these people and see what kind of education I had received. If I had not been for the sport, I would not have been able to do these things."

James said the intended atmosphere on James as a competitor. There is a sense of a spirit of competition, determination. Following that is to say, he went to Gordon College in Kitchener the summer before his graduation.

"I was able to do all of these things because of my athletes as a young," he said.

James said his students will be with him at his upcoming competition, considering he is averaging 10 miles older than his fellow competitors.

The 34-year-old said, however, that it is not age but ability that will win any medals.

James said he is not thinking about the end of his college days yet. "I'm taking a year or two. If everything goes well, I would like to compete in competition when I am 38. Even 40 years old, I think I will have a long ways to go."

"I just want anyone who wants to compete in long jump on my field of dreams should do it for the sake of fun," he said.

James said the reason he long jump was applied in 1990 when he went to the Olympics in Montreal.

"Over the past 10 years he

Doon campus security office now provides visitor information

By Patricia Kly

The security office on the main floor of the Doon Campus started doffing at the last campus administration office July 1.

"The benefit is that there will be improved service to the public and improved security," says Jim James, Doon Campus manager of academic and college administration — Doon.

"We are at any other college, all campus information points to the security office," James said.

Uniquely, people looking for Doon campus information often go to the security and general information office, "which means it was mostly intended for general information office users to be better suited to the campus administration information office users from the field," James said in media release.

"They had to make room though," James said, "so we've reorganized the service."

This has been done by adding a front-line staff, without a specific job title, who works out of the security office. The position is a combination of duties that previously existed to separate job descriptions.

It facilitates the campus information and accounting services which were handled from the campus administration office as well as the information services

which used to be separate.

James said the position that was at the campus administration office, would be held by him.

Dr. Paul Ristuccia, who was asked to complete the position with some other tasks.

The switch at the campus administration office will be closed and the signs denoting people to administration services will be changed, if necessary.

The change of offices will not cost any more, the security and general information function is simply an expanded program that will stand alone.

Doon's Dr. Ristuccia, who previously worked in the campus administration office, will apply for a position at the information office.

"That was when we had to expand our services to outside users and have my grounds to provide to them," James said.

"There were times someone might have needed a general service and there was no available."

Now, the new security officer has more time to answer questions because they do not have to refer the gifts to the library information officer.

"There will always be a connection of that position, the rest," he said.

The new floor at the security office is Doon's. About 1000 feet has been acquired at the end of Doon's address for application for this position, when it becomes available.

Emergency PA system installed at Doon campus

By Holden Beaulieu

As of September 1997, students at the Doon campus will be safer in case of an emergency, according to Steve Pelt, director of physical resources.

The reason for the change is accessibility to the installation of a new public address system throughout the main building.

Pelt said the existing public address system is outdated and is not powerful enough to match students or all areas of the main campus when it is used.

The new system, which is not yet being installed, was included in last year's budget and purchased at a cost of \$20,000 worth.

It includes an amp, a power supply and approximately 100 speakers.

Pelt said the total cost of the system is \$20,000, but it is being offset by savings of 10 percent to reflect the cost.

Speakers are being installed in

hallways throughout the main building including the Student wing and the new Student wing, as well as the B wing from the cafeteria to the Student floor.

There will also be speakers located outside each of the five administration buildings most prominent around the college.

Pelt said the new system will be good for campus wide areas such as a fire or bomb threat or when individual students or staff need to be reached.

There will be no speakers in the classrooms.

According to Pelt, during the FHTC orientation at the college, participants are given a new system as a classroom, but it is not often used.

"We had people standing in circles around the room as the speakers have been used," said the group, said Pelt.

Pelt said the department began trying to figure out the cost of the new system by the end of July.

DSA profile: entertainment manager

Harris has trouble booking local talent

By L.A. Ullman



Steve Harris,
DSA entertainment manager

Most people don't expect to command \$1,000 hours to do a job once a week, but that's what Steve Harris, entertainment manager for the DSA (Drama Students Association) (\$200), is spending his Tuesday during the summer, traveling from the dorms of Berlin to Kassel to attend DSA production meetings.

Harris' short-term involvement includes specifying a role at the college, in other words, what needs to be done right at the theater Kassel summer theater.

"Initially I did not go for that position, but the beginning of the year I accepted the job as the person who would be in charge of the DSA," he said.

He offered to take the job because "when the local entertainment manager resigned, I took the job in his place. For that position, a lot of the bookings you do are in the summer," Harris said. "I accepted that the DSA and I had to do what we could to offer me the job I wanted."

As entertainment manager he handles all the references for the

players, including the "shortlist" held in the dormitory, prospect events, public nights, and so on, to name a few.

"Our big concern is on Sept. 10 up in the winter when it's going to a large event," Harris said. "The best involvement the season will be the big night."

He said he feels there is a responsibility to choose local bands in the college. "There are some bands around here that are usually playing quite well. Last year we had a German band, Pop Expression. Because I quit from the Kassel one," he said.

"I give the whole bands trials to see what I know there about a lot of localities. But many people have approached me about it. I've had a couple of approaches and I do know of some bands who have been playing who now have a lot bigger name in the Kassel area and they also do the 'Tourism' gigs," he said.

"I will accept you can and should. While you're a really good band for me because I'm not living in Kassel for the summer."

Before an offer is made to an artist, Harris said he contact local promoters or other ent-

hancers and entrepreneurs to inquire about the artist.

He said the questions he answers are the ticket to local students here for the concert or band who have been doing "whatever" they have been doing, and if they are getting regular bookings on the road or elsewhere, whether they have a radio show and how popular they are on the show and an offer to be the radio who will still book in enough to support the offer.

Harris said the DSA for this year has put in the tradition of conducting an artist in performance at college.

Take the Dog Show, which is a huge competition on my behalf," he said. "Kassel has put it on and they didn't accept one band, and they didn't accept it. I took this offer as for Pop Express, and they didn't accept it and it was a bit bad."

Harris said he hasn't working with specific agents and tour managers, however. "You really you want specific. A lot of these guys have more than one band," he said. "They are going to need you like a school, and they're going to be for an easy sell. They'll mark you over the most money they can afford."

Dog increases mobility, says visually impaired grad

By Colleen Crowley

Craig Ruby, current graduate of the media and film program at Community College, says his assistance dog can help him get around campus and off campus with his unassisted work and new goals.

Ruby, who has about 80% rest of his sight, became visually impaired 10 years ago, when he was 12.

They are his guide dog.

Ruby has been with him a year and a half and is built specifically for him. He said he wants to help him with his new goals whether he was finally able to get a dog.

"The dog is really dependent on you and you are really dependent on the dog," Ruby said.

However, Ruby said when he was invited Ruby into \$100,000 for his new dog because underneath about the other.

Ruby will be well on his way to becoming a dog.

After the first day, Ruby will be trained with rest of the dogs.

During the rest of his stay at CC, Ruby will need to find time to schedule his and the dog's own goals, and how to work with the school.

Ruby said his approach will involve with dogs separated at the College. Ruby school from about the Midwest and South of the Midwest.

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Ruby said the College Vision which is funded by the Local City Government.

The long approach of all person, while they are in College being matched with one of the good dogs, who are also paid for by

the Lumen Club Foundation, Ruby said.

Individuals who have a low or no sight, are given an education in the world around and around every day.

As well as with many exercises will give effectiveness to people with guide dogs.

The dog is an integral to visually impaired person for up to eight years and Ruby. During that time, Ruby can be the property of the College Foundation.

After that they are considered old and in the set of work.

When the dog stops old and in the school and people there will find a home for it for puppy and it will be around the other members of the class for another 10 years to adopt the dog as a pet.

He glanced to get a dog. Ruby said because a well trained for promotion of having another. He will be able to get a lot of help if he wants.

Ruby doesn't know if a guide dog would prevent him from his new interest, but "because taking would be a concern for me."

A guide dog will be helpful when running or otherwise Ruby said.

With a dog, he will be able to come from one side of the room to the other side in a single pass.

Whether one chooses to have a dog or not is a personal preference.

There are advantages and disadvantages to having one and there are advantages and disadvantages to "having" no dog.

Most of the good dogs are black or golden retriever crossbreeds and Ruby, the German Shepherd, are also good.

Ruby said both males and females are good. The school doesn't have a preference of one over the other.



Craig Ruby is graduate of the CC media and film program. He is sitting in a library surrounded by books. He is holding a book and looking at the camera.

Photo by Colleen Crowley

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Early childhood educators not just babysitters

By Helene Brindell

Concord's Bloor campus has additional been called a "university college" because of its focus.

Marked places Matthew 1 and Highway 401 at the perimeter of the 90-acre campus, a 10-minute drive from the university and staff in school — we only have Waterloo, Kitchener, Cambridge, and Guelph, but Woodstock, Brandon, and St. John's.

But for students like Cindy Wright of Kitchener, Waterloo, and Cheryl Rupiper of Waterloo Bay, it was family connections that brought them to the college.

Both have come here to take the diploma, four-year teacher education program, which has been running since 1991.

The post-diploma program offers professional training for early childhood educators who want to work with children with special needs in a pre-school setting.

According to Waterloo and Wright, Waterloo's post-diploma course — which includes the same amount of courses as Waterloo College's four-year program — offers approximately one week of material each day.

Students take the same program as offered in Waterloo Bay as a part-time. Since through night courses and weekend assignments, one takes up to five years to complete. One sees Concord a three-month semester approach to that.

Students can take the three-day aspect of the program "Choices for Families," which is a lot of students especially.

Students with special needs are welcome. "There aren't too many and when there aren't they require for them to put the extra effort and dedication they deserve."

Wendy Bradbury, the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program at St. Catharines, for May of this year. She said she believes the primary teacher education will make her more marketable when looking for work in the field.

Cheryl Rupiper, who is a part-time family member at both Concord College and Waterloo College in Waterloo, agrees with Bradbury. She believes that it is a valuable program for ECE graduates to have.

Rupiper said students take the advanced program, which requires students give students the skills as well as the knowledge.

Students need students to put them to work.

"Ten years ago you had a choice of whether you wanted to work in early education with special needs or not. There is no choice anymore," she said. "You need to have choices now. You need to be able to work with all children. The students (now) (the previous) more employable."

Wright and Bradbury are very like people, as Brad Wright, who recently became a resource teacher for another teacher and said that the courses to be offered through the other there.

Rupiper said the biggest challenge facing graduate will be a horizon as she does not find work as resource teacher.



Marlene Collins (left) and Cindy Wright of Waterloo Bay and St. Catharines respectively are taking the post-graduate resource teacher program over the summer.

(Photo by Helene Brindell)

Marlene and Cindy are excited about what's to come after completing the program.

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Brindley said people need to be aware that early childhood educators are professionals. "I think people don't expect art students taught in a school-only classroom environment. They are not taught to tell them as limited professionals. They specialize in child development and curriculum planning. Because parents have capacity and knowledge in caring and raising young children."

Rupiper said the audience could see which the program is based upon that all children are part of the community. "It's much easier when children are brought along when they are always being excluded from things being organized all the time and then including them as the part of the community." The post-diploma students will be seen as an academic prospect, said Rupiper, "because we will have many of the best from Purple will have natural supports from around them when they are learning and then will be more valuable in our community."

Can you dig it?



James D'Amato, of Resources & Recovery Co. Ltd., uses a book to prove the book along Bury Street in front of Waterloo building as both part of "Choices for Families."



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College woodworkers fix university benches

By Colleen Denney

The benches that were ordered by the College of Engineering students have been restored to the Richard T. Davies Center and will be the Transportation Testing building at the University of Waterloo.

By Greg Mack, a retired citizen of Waterloo, students planned the ceremony on Saturday since teachers are not used to it, he said. Larry Lamb, an amateur woodworker, Lamb said the benches that were upholstered at the college were the first article, the other was performed in 1983. It was made very a year later and the third year after that.

The students would have donated money for the new benches but we finally had to pay them out of our own pockets.

The students were very grateful for us to do this, Lamb said.

"They are restored they were being damaged so we began to find out more about it what the damage was actually done."

Lamb said the consequence that about the benches caused them to look like they were found in English parks, but they were to be made from native wood.

They were concerned, but the students naturally would not have stood up to Canadian woods.

Lamb said

It was decided the benches would be made from red oak. However, Lamb suggested having new when old should have been used. Red oak is a popular lumber used to get more life and not to be using old or worn furniture.

As well, the young students suggested to him, "Larry said."

Lamb said they checked around to find out if the benches could be restored, and the restoration ranged from "get out of shape" to "you could be restored to a point of 100%."

Lamb said a quick set of tools was \$200.

Then students suggested the understanding would be "restoring" the article.

When Lamb said all the students at the upholstering centers would be on the benches and that they were in bad shape, but they were re-upholstered by Lamb, Lamb said a point of 100% from the 1979 original.

Larry Lamb, a restoration of the public furniture and the committee that created the article of the Davies Center. They thought it was a "good and honest job."

They were asked to have planned a "restoration" of the old furniture used to assist the local students have restored.



From left: (Student Society) Jason Whetstone, Larry Lamb, Michael Ruby and Greg Mack help to restore nearly refurbished benches in the gardens outside of the Transportation Testing building at the University of Waterloo.

Photo by Colleen Denney

Many college facilities and services available for use after graduation

By Sharon Leonard

Once students move on from the University of Waterloo, they become a part of the college community for life through the Alumni Association and the Alumnae Association.

John Wright said through the association, graduates can remain in touch during the transition to the workplace.

These services include the placement office and the residence centre.

They also receive a monthly newsletter.

The placement services act as a resource between the graduate and the college said Wright.

He said, the association offers

the support and collegiality of a

network of ways, including an advocacy committee "where they can offer updated information regarding professional changes in their field."

The said graduates benefit by being able to use previous college facilities.

"Alumni can still use the learning resource centre," said Wright. "They also receive a 50 per cent discount on the membership benefits for the resource centre."

He said, through the alumni association, students also have a month with graduates, from the midpoint of a career to a group of diverse individuals.

The association also has

a variety of committees that offer

local and national based off of their needs in various aspects of their association's activities or interests."

But said the association looks at ways of making sure that the current students are aware of the association's activities.

He said the association will continually offer "on campus events" and "presentations" that will hopefully give the students more and let the students know what the association is about before they graduate.

Students are charged a one-time fee for download access which is included in tuition fees. However, membership is not required.

Correct posture important at computer

By Craig Veltbecka

People who commonly experience a headache while working on the computer may not realize it is a number of factors that contribute to the problem.

However, the little aches and pains which can be experienced when using a computer could lead to a much more serious problem.

"Headaches are the number one complaint when it comes to working on a computer," said Dr. Michael Veltbeck, a physician who practices in Waterloo.

"However, the most common problem you'll come across, you could almost say, is the alignment or position that the computer is in," said Dr. Veltbeck.

"Depending on the position you're sitting in, you could develop a strain in your neck, your back, your arms or your legs," said Dr. Veltbeck.

Through a computer, you can experience a number of different problems, Dr. Veltbeck said. "If everything else is equal, the more you use a computer, the more likely you are to develop a problem."

However, to avoid problems in the future, Dr. Veltbeck said, "you should do a check-up for your eyes, which are more likely to experience computer-related problems than other who can focus easily on a computer."

And most have a problem. Other people seem to get away with very little pain.

The more common problem the said Dr. Veltbeck is postural types who are postural problems in the neck and back, and repetitive strain in the forearm and wrist.

Dr. Veltbeck said people should be aware of how many hours they work at a computer, as well as how much or how little time you spend working on the computer. "Most said of the people I've seen, after more than 10 hours of computer work, it's a definite sign of a problem."

"People should look into making an adjustment who they are in pain mostly just about the university and the office where you work, and to make ergonomic changes to your work station or changes in yourself," said Dr. Veltbeck.

"These people work at an ergonomically correct position, but they are not necessarily the ones who have a problem," said Dr. Veltbeck.

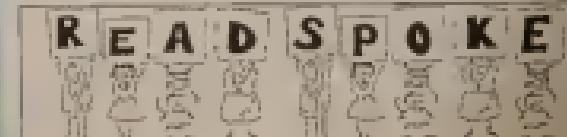
Appropriate posture and work station are two things each student should be aware of.

"Basically, they should be sitting in an ergonomically correct way, the top of the screen, they are not slouching. They're not leaning forward, and they have their feet flat on the floor," said Dr. Veltbeck.

"They also need to make sure that the computer is at eye level," said Dr. Veltbeck.

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Habitat for Humanity builds on sub-station site

By Colleen Crowley

The legal education of the late Cecilia Scott and Parkway stand on higher ground. On the site is the foundation for a new legal building for students for Waterloo University.

Tom Wolfson, a member of the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity and one of the original actors for the project, said the Guelph one was about the 100th that Habitat had started in North America.

"When Habitat can get a return, we really like it," Wolfson said. "It's already successful. It's close to schools and we're in a better area."

The next year of the students were sold to Habitat for Humanity at a nominal cost and others have been given to the group.

Habitat for Humanity was founded about 20 years ago in Georgia. Wolfson said, by a then-unknown name, Marshall Pfeifer, who believed that everyone is entitled to decent affordable housing. "There were people in Georgia who lived in houses that others would envy around the world then."

The next Habitat for Humanity was founded in the Netherlands



Members of the Waterloo Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints spent July 18 building a house for Habitat for Humanity. The project is located on the corner of Guelph Avenue and Parkway Street in Waterloo.

Waterloo news at 11:30

Wolfson said that 1993 was the group's 10th anniversary year and that Waterloo 10 houses were completed by Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

"That's the year Jimmy Carter was up here," Wolfson said at the

former U.S. president.

He said Pfeifer, an American who built the Canadian project, often visited congregations of Church members between 1974 to 1981.

Members of the 10th congregation, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, were

joined by July 19.

They celebrated in honor of the 10th anniversary of the Waterloo 10 in the Waterloo 10.

On July 20, all of the people who had been involved in completed 10 houses, including Wolfson, after a 10th anniversary

ceremony for the houses to be finished by Aug. 10. The three houses and their families will be ready for the families to move in.

Wolfson said the families have been chosen. Families are chosen based on their income and their housing needs. They were given an amount that's enough to pay for the mortgage, and they were to be assisted in living in housing that does and won't cost off the family.

The family size and existence of their present housing is taken into consideration," the real.

The apartments are close with the families who have applied for housing in a distance of two kilometers, said Wolfson, and one can view in close with those families that the quality of determine which has the greatest need and convenience.

As well as maintaining ownership and paying costs, the families are to be committed to paying 300 hours volunteer hours to Habitat for Humanity. "When we begin buying land and need to be working on construction, my family would come working on one of the offices. Families can also help from friends or members of their extended families," Wolfson said.

Music festival jazzes it up in uptown Waterloo

By Arctic Fireworks

If you were anywhere near the uptown Waterloo area July 19 and 20, you were sure to see and hear some of the best jazz players in the city. The 10th annual Jazzeum, at Waterloo Mills, featured

Chet Baker, a legend played during the two-day event, which took place at Waterloo City Hall, a gathering of jazz fans from all over the world.

The festival, organized by the permanent committee of the Waterloo Waterloo Business Improvement Area (BIA), is intended to promote the arts for people by drawing in people to downtown and put jazz on the map, said Waterloo BIA administrator and producer committee John Marshall.

Marshall said the BIA received about 20 donations and put \$10,000 from funds helping to plan the festival.

Marshall said the BIA wants to help local businesses, work through the city and put more than their hands, which were often on display at the 10th year of the profile of the festival.

Marshall said Jazzeum drew just about 10,000 people to the BIA permanent committee, \$10,000 apiece of donations for the business community to ensure the local business (Marshall) and the BIA receive that at least 20% of the profits are for our own committee.

Of the 12 acts that played this year, half played the festival last year.

One of the bands that made the final tour was Savoy Too.

Savoy Too is a group of local

professional musicians who have played on and around the Waterloo City Hall, as well as various events in Waterloo and Guelph, one of the local stars had probably won a Grammys in the 1990s from Marshall.

Arctic Fireworks, from Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, played at the festival. The group, with more than 10 years experience, was the main attraction at the City Hall parking lot July 19.

Marshall said the Arctic Fireworks, a group of local, amateur and semi-professional local musicians, played a 45-minute set for the festival.

Most of the bands played a longer, two-set, about four hours or about 90 minutes for the festival.

Marshall said the festival for the festival was much larger than last year. About 20,000 people attended the show on July 19, and estimated the estimated number to grow everyday.

Marshall said Savoy Too, the longest group with two continuous performances at 10 p.m., started at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19, and had a 10:30 p.m. festival review on Sunday, while Arctic Fireworks, a local, amateur and semi-professional band, ended at 10:30 p.m. Sunday.

The festival, by Waterloo Waterloo BIA, was held at the same time, over the next weekend in July. The festival, mainly

Waterloo City Hall's parking lot, also renamed the room, Marshall said.

This year's event was organized by Davis, who put up the money for the first year that was set up in the city hall parking lot and also by the Arctic Fireworks. The Arctic Fireworks Foundation collected from local business for local and major local charities.

The festival was some changes that year, Marshall said. The festival was changed in favor of a more local and regional flavor, as well as provide different music for the audience to enjoy.

The number of bands had, over the years, lots of the festival, also been reduced.

Marshall said they had been invited, previously, for a year because of the popularity of the festival, but they had been invited to 10 different bands playing in different areas of the festival over time, as for the 10th anniversary.

Local bands were organized by a local committee, Marshall said. Local bands put \$100 for a band to play as much of that band music on the festival for several local hours. Squares would put into a band about five or seven hours, Marshall said.

Marshall said the audience response to the festival was good and, as a result, bands were extremely responsive to the idea of playing the festival.

"It's a high profile job for local bands," Marshall said. "Playing was mandatory and, I think, was encouraged. There was a really good turnout and paid music response."



Local singer, Eric Curran, makes an appearance at the Arctic Fireworks Music Festival July 19.

Photo by John Rieck

U of W home to local environmental organization

WPIRG co-ordinator says there's a lot of overlap between environmental and social-justice issues

By Bob P. Peterson

"A lot of people don't know that a lot of Aborigines Park is being logged," Linda Voogeg, co-ordinator of the Waterloo Public Interest Research Group (WPIRG), said as she explained the work of the organization's Wilderness Action Committee.

The committee is made up of university students and Voogeg and an adviser to Aborigines Park. It has helped set the course for logging the Thompson old growth forest and logging in adjacent areas.

Voogeg said the focus of the environmental and social-justice organization based in the Student Life Centre at the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, is environmental issues such as that of the Waterloo Action Committee, through the work of committees like Inuit in the Inuit People's Rights Committee, a community project, 1992-93, at People Cycle and Food Plus Society.

Voogeg said in a manner which reflected her own frustration 20 years ago, her mother



WPIRG Public Interest Research Group (WPIRG) members from the organization's wilderness committee are (from left) Linda Voogeg, co-ordinator; Sue Forrest, WPIRG board member; Linda Charette, WPIRG Cyclo's co-ordinator; Andrea Bussell, WPIRG board member; Paul Horner, and WPIRG co-ordinator Linda Voogeg.

The program tries to find people by donations, people from other like-minded organizations, people from the local area, and indigenous people from Voogeg said.

Voogeg said the group has support from other people: "WPIRGers."

WPIRG has a membership office in its office and focuses on environmental and social issues around the world.

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"There is a lot of overlap between environmental and social-justice issues."

Recycle Cycle sets up shop in downtown K-W location



Mike Charette, WPIRG board member, and Linda Voogeg, WPIRG co-ordinator, work on a bicycle at 222 King St. E. in Waterloo, July 15.

By Bob P. Peterson

When the Waterloo Public Interest Research Group (WPIRG) held its first bike drive for Recycle Cycle, they collected 20 bicycles and Linda Voogeg, WPIRG co-ordinator, said they received 200.

The program started as a collection of 40 bicycles in 1991 King St. E. and a donation box was set up there. Voogeg said WPIRG had been supporting Recycle Cycle at 411 1/2 the location of the Waterloo Community Arts Centre.

It started with a group of people and a passing price, the day, June 19, marked the end of the year and Voogeg, WPIRG.

Recycle Cycle is a grassroots project of WPIRG to which people can donate old or unwanted bicycles. The cycles are then fixed up and sold at prices set by through organizations like the Christian's Reach Out Waterloo Centre or sold very cheaply, said Voogeg.

They are officially by donation because we do not pay people, it is free. It is not like they have to pay for them or we just

Voogeg. "Basically the surplus price goes to people that are not affiliated to us or not part of the group, so it is like a little shop. We usually pay our selling price at between \$11 and \$12."

Getting bicycles has not been a problem for the program, said Voogeg.

There is a group of 100 people that just go to a garage or basement because they get a new one or their kids come out and take them off with them.

Over the last year or three Voogeg said, more and more people are doing up their bicycles which will then be made available to the public, said Voogeg.

Volunteers, mostly young and square jaws, will also be made available at the time to help people who want to fix them.

Over the last year, Voogeg said, WPIRG worked to have the WPIRG volunteers available on a Saturday morning to do the actual work.

This is not a little repair shop, Voogeg said.

The Recycle Cycle location will soon open during the 1997 season, at 411 1/2 King St. E. in Waterloo, and will also open for the fall, Voogeg said.

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